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TO: Jean B. Fleurantin – United States Patent and Trademark Office

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FROM: Francis L. Dunn, Jr.

RE: DRAFT – MEETING AGENDA

In re patent application of:

Applicant(s): Shrinivas Ashwin, *et al.*

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin

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DRAFT – PROPOSED CLAIM

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented system to facilitate communication between a client device and a server device comprising:

a tabular data stream (TDS) protocol that comprises:

a multiple active result set (MARS) header, [[and]]

a data field that is part of the MARS header and identifies a number of pending requests known by the client device to the server device, the MARS header is employed to transmit, to the server device, the number of pending requests known by the client device to facilitate synchronization of execution of queries to facilitate communication between the client device and the server device, based at least in part on the number of pending requests known by the client device, regardless of buffer size for the client device and the server device, and

a chunk format component that employs a Partially Length Prefixed (PLP) format to transmit data between the client device and the server device, and further employs a special length designator that is communicated to the client device and indicates that a total value of a length of a data stream is not known and the data stream can be transmitted in multiple data stream packets.

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To Examiner Fleurantin:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter at our appointment, scheduled July 10, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

The issues I would like to get your input on regard:

- Review and clarification of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, including the Examiner's reasoning with regard to independent claims 1, 11, and 23.
- A proposed amendment to independent claim 1 to emphasize certain distinctive features of the claimed subject matter in light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 29 and 30. (*See* Office Action dated May 18, 2007, p. 9; and *see below* proposed amended independent claim 1.)

If you have any other suggestions or ideas, I would be glad to discuss them as well. I look forward to speaking with you. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Francis L. Dunn, Jr.